REMARKS

The application has been amended to place the application in condition for allowance at the time of the next Official Action.

Claims 1-4, 6-9 and 13-18 were previously pending in the application. Claims 3 and 17 are cancelled, leaving claims 1, 2, 4, 6-9, 13-16 and 18 for consideration.

Claims 13 and 15 are amended as suggested in the Official Action to address the claim objections noted in the Official Action.

Canceling claims 3 and 17 renders moot the rejection under 35 USC §112, second paragraph.

Claim 18 was rejected as anticipated by POPA 6,006,231. That rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 18 is amended and recites the user terminal transmits the display style information to the server upon first accessing the server.

As set forth on page 5 of the Official Action, POPA discloses a client/server relationship in which the client does not store display style information in a memory before first accessing the server.

As the reference does not disclose that which is recited, the anticipation rejection as to claim 18 is believed to be untenable and should be withdrawn.

Claims 1, 6-9, 13, 15 and 16 were rejected as unpatentable over POPA in view of JOHNSON 6,615,213. That rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 1 recites user terminals storing display style information in a memory before first accessing the server. The display style information specifies a display style of a file to be received from the server. Independent claim 13 includes a similar recitation.

The Official Action recognizes that POPA does not disclose the user terminal storing display style information before first accessing the server. JOHHSON is offered for this feature, with the Official Action concluding that it would have been obvious to provide display style information before first accessing the server to allow a greater variety of servers to access image file sources without requiring separate configurations.

However, that conclusion is believed to be untenable for at least the following reasons.

First, JOHNSON does not disclose that for which it is offered.

Figure 4 of JOHNSON shows a manage injector window 400 wherein user information such as name, address and signature are selected. As set forth on column 1, lines 28-37 of JOHNSON, this information is provided to different web sites so that the information does not have to be reentered each time a different

web site is contacted. This simplifies the process of purchasing products from various different web sites.

Accordingly, the information stored by JOHNSON in memory prior to accessing a server is information relating to the user and is not related to a display style of a file to be received by the user from a server. Therefore, one of ordinary skill in the art faced with a problem of having style information stored in memory before accessing a server would not look to JOHNSON for providing this disclosure.

Moreover, if JOHNSON were relied upon merely for a teaching storing information in the memory before accessing a server, then this would not have suggested the claimed invention when considered with POPA.

That is, JOHNSON relies on personal information to be "injected" in a remote data processing system so that the same personal information does not have to be reentered multiple times for multiple different web sites. The disclosure of JOHNSON is unrelated to how data is displayed to a user each time the user accesses a web site.

Thus, selecting only the disclosure in JOHNSON of previously stored information while ignoring the nature of that information would not support a rejection under 35 USC §103.

Accordingly, the rejection of claims 1 and 13 and the claims that depend therefrom is believed to be untenable and should be withdrawn.

Claims 2-4, 14 and 17 were rejected as unpatentable over POPA in view of JOHNSON and further in view of OVADYA et al. 2001/0009008. That rejection is respectfully traversed.

The OVADYA reference is only cited for the disclosure of a customer identification number. The OVADYA reference does not disclose what is recited in claims 1 and 13. As set forth above, POPA in view of JOHNSON do not disclose what is recited in claims 1 and 13. Since claims 2-4, 14 and 17 depend from claims 1 and 13 and further define the invention, the proposed combination of references would not have been sufficient to render obvious claims 2-4, 14 and 17.

In view of the present amendment and the foregoing remarks, it is believed that the present application has been placed in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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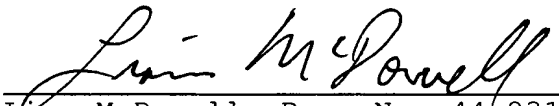

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